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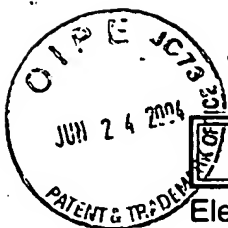
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## AUTOMATED STATISTICAL SELF-CALIBRATING DETECTION AND REMOVAL OF BLEMISHES IN DIGITAL IMAGES BASED ON MULTIPLE OCCURRENCES OF DUST IN IMAGES

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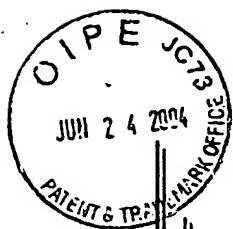


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